

July 6, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS UNDER THE
BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief of the Office of Public Safety to accept on behalf of the County, proportionate reimbursement funds allocated by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program in the amount of \$23,079.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 15, 1999, the Board of Supervisors instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sheriff to submit an application to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the County's participation in the BVP program. The purpose of the program is to save lives of law enforcement officers by assisting local law enforcement agencies to provide officers with armor vests. Under the provisions of the BVP program, the Federal government will reimburse local agencies up to 50 percent of vest purchase costs.

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Representatives from the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Office of Public Safety ascertained their department's respective needs for armor vests. The Chief Administrative Office coordinated the submission of the County's application. The BVP program requires participants to register and apply for reimbursement funds electronically via the BVP web site specifically created for this purpose. Each participating County department was required to complete and submit their application on-line. The Chief Administrative Office, as the County's designated contact, reviewed, verified, and combined the departmental submissions into one application. The County's FFY 2004 BVP program application was transmitted on-line

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program meets the County's Strategic Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2004 BVP application requested 50 percent reimbursement for 1,039 vests of which the Sheriff ordered 860, District Attorney 141, and the Office of Public Safety 38, at a total cost of \$221,159. The BJA awarded the County reimbursement funds in the amount of \$23,079, which is equivalent to ten percent reimbursement. Departments which receive funds will be responsible for absorbing the remaining requirement costs.

The Chief Administrative Officer will disburse the awarded reimbursement funding in amounts proportionate to each Department's total vest order as reflected on the attached chart. The reimbursement deadline date for vests purchased under the FFY 2004 BVP is September 30, 2008. The vests may be purchased all at once or in increments with reimbursement payments forthcoming upon the Chief Administrative Officer's confirmation that participating agencies' approved application vest order was received and invoiced.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 16, 1998, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998 was signed into law as Public Law 105-181 (S. 1605). The BVP Act of 2000 Public Law 106-517 (S. 2413) reauthorized the program and provided a 2004 funding appropriation of \$50 million dollars. The BVP 2000 Act also gave funding priority to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000 residents.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Officer safety in the line of duty is of primary concern. BVP funding offsets the costs incurred by participating County departments in ensuring that their personnel have access to an armor vest.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (1)

c: Sheriff
District Attorney
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Chief, Office of Public Safety
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.bl

Attachment A

FFY 2004 Application

Reimbursement Amount \$23,079

Department	# of Vests	Total Cost	Weighted Total Cost By Dept	50% Cost	Award Amount
Office of Public Safety	38	7,258	3%	3,629	\$ 757
District Attorney	141	60,760	27%	30,380	\$ 6,340
Sheriff	860	153,141	69%	76,571	\$ 15,981
Total	1,039	221,159	100%	110,580	\$ 23,079